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EO 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MO ME  
SUBJECT: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON MIDDLE  
EAST DEVELOPMENTS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI RECEIVED ME SEPTEMBER 6,  
DURING ONE-DAY STOPOVER IN RABAT AND QUICK DINNER IN IFRANE  
WITH KING HASSAN BETWEEN CAIRO ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS'  
MEETING AND LIBREVILLE VISIT WITH BONGO ON LUSAKA SUMMIT.  
HE WAS DISAPPOINTED OVER PLO REJECTION OF U.S. INITIATIVE  
AIMING AT PLO ACCEPTANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
242 WITH RESERVATIONS AND OPENING OF DIRECT U.S.-PLO  
CONTACTS. HAVING SEEN A NUMBER OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES AND  
"OTHER CONTACTS" IN CAIRO, FOREIGN MINISTER  
CONSIDERED PLO REJECTION AS HAVING RESULTED FROM HARDENED  
ISRAELI LINE DURING AND AFTER SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST  
TRIP. ISRAELIS HAD FIRST "LEGALIZED" THREE ILLEGAL SETTLE-  
MENTS ON WEST BANK, A MOVE WHICH USG AND OTHERS HAD  
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CRITICIZED. THEN U.S. INITIATIVE ON SC RES 242 HAD SURFACED,  
MEETING TOTAL ISRAELI HOSTILITY. ISRAELIS HAD THEREUPON  
"ESCALATED" SITUATION TO SABOTAGE U.S. INITIATIVE BY TAKING  
POSITION THEY WOULD BE UNWILLING TO TALK WITH PLO EVEN IF IT  
ACCEPTED SC RES. PLO HAD THEREFORE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO  
RESPOND NEGATIVELY AT DAMASCUS MEETING TO U.S. INITIATIVE.  
LARAKI BELIEVED THAT DOOR NEVERTHELESS REMAINED OPEN ON

THIS INITIATIVE, AND NOTED  
THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE CONTINUING. HE INDICATED THAT HIS  
PROJECTED SEPTEMBER 8-9 VISIT TO CAIRO WOULD INVOLVE  
FURTHER SOUNDINGS WITH PLO, AND SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD  
TO GIVING SECRETARY FULL REPORT AT MEETING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER  
12 IN WASHINGTON (ANDERSON-BISHOP TELECON SEPT. 6).

2. LARAKI ALSO CONFIDED THAT MOROCCO HAD TAKEN A POSITION  
AT CAIRO MEETING ALONG WITH OTHER MODERATES AGAINST A MOVE  
TO BRING LATEST ISRAELI POSITIONS ON PLO AND WEST BANK  
SETTLEMENTS BEFORE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. GOM ASSESSMENT HAD  
BEEN THAT GOING TO SECURITY COUNCIL, WHERE U.S. VETO  
WOULD HAVE TO BE USED, COULD ONLY HAVE ADVERSE  
IMPACT ON SETTLEMENT EFFORTS, TO WHICH U.S., THE ONLY COUNTRY  
CAPABLE OF ADVANCING PEACE IN THE AREA, HAD DEVOTED  
CONSIDERABLE TIME AND ENERGY. HE WAS PLEASED THE MODERATES  
HAD CARRIED THE DAY IN CAIRO ON THIS QUESTION.  
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